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SUBJECT: THIRD-COUNTRY MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO LAOS

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1. THE U.S. IS THE ONLY COUNTRY PROVIDING MATERIEL TO NON-COMMUNIST MILITARY FORCES IN LAOS. UNDER THE TERMS OF THE PROTOCOL TO LAOS CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT AND THE GENEVA ACCORDS OF 1962, THE FRENCH MAINTAIN A MILITARY TRAINING MISSION IN LAOS. THE EIGHTY-MAN MISSION HAS A BUDGET OF APPROXIMATELY \$275,000 PER YEAR. IT ORGANIZES AND CONDUCTS MILITARY TRAINING FOR 278 RLGAFF OFFICERS AND NCO'S PER YEAR AT FIVE SCHOOLS IN LAOS:

- A) MILITARY ADMINISTRATION SCHOOL-80 STUDENTS
- B) MILITARY ACADEMY PREP SCHOOL-50 STUDENTS
- C) OFFICERS' CANDIDATE SCHOOL-30 STUDENTS
- D) COMMAND AND STAFF SCHOOL-70 STUDENTS
- E) FRENCH LANGUAGE SCHOOL-48 STUDENTS

ALSO, 70 LAO MILITARY ARE TRAINED IN FRANCE EACH YEAR IN
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WIDE VARIETY OF SPECIALITIES.

2. ALL TRAINING CONDUCTED AS A PART OF U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE IS COORDINATED WITH THE FRENCH MILITARY MISSION TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS NO DUPLICATION OF EFFORTS. RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND FRENCH MILITARY MISSION ARE CLOSE AND THERE IS NO SENSE OF COMPETITION BETWEEN THE TWO.
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